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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create adequate employment opportunities in the rural areas and small towns during the Eleventh Plan to stop the huge influx of rural migrants to the metros;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Central schemes proposed to be sponsored in this regard; and

(d) the funds earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million work opportunities, both in rural and urban areas. Additional employment opportunities in the future will be generated mainly in the services and manufacturing sectors, in particular, labour intensive sectors, such as food processing, leather products, footwear, textiles, tourism and construction, etc.

(c) & (d): To supplement employment opportunities, various schemes such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are being implemented.